



Berry-Stewart Family Collection (SP0074)

Collection Number: SP0074

Collection Title: Berry-Stewart Family Collection

Dates: 1870-2000

Creator: Stewart, Leota Berry, 1909-1985

Abstract: The Berry-Stewart Family Collection contains materials related to the Berry and Stewart families of Boone and Greene County, Missouri. Items in the collection include marriage certificates, diplomas, correspondence, funeral announcements, and photographs. This collection also contains material related to businesses in Springfield, Missouri.

Collection Size: 1 cubic foot
(19 folders, 130 photographs)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Springfield](https://www.shsmo.org/research-center-springfield). If you would like more information, please contact us at springfield@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Biographical Note:

Leota Isabel Berry was born March 29, 1909, to William Palmer Berry and Lucy Ann (Henry) Berry in Mutual, Oklahoma. The family lived in Boone County, Missouri, before moving to

Springfield, Missouri. Leota graduated from Springfield High School in 1925 and worked as a stenographer for the Springfield Creamery Company. On June 12, 1933, Leota married Harold Francis Stewart. The couple moved to Washington D.C. and had one son, Eric Palmer Stewart, born August 24, 1947.

Harold Francis Stewart was born October 25, 1905, to Willis Warder Stewart and Celia Bessye (Warnes) Stewart in Omaha, Nebraska. In 1919, the family moved to Springfield, Missouri, where Willis was employed as a baker for Nafziger Baking Company. The bakery, which was previously known as Springfield Bakery Company, was located at 710 Boonville Avenue. In 1923, Harold graduated from Springfield High School and attended Southwest Missouri State Teachers College for one year. He later attended the University of Missouri to study journalism but left school to join the United States Army in 1930. In 1935, Harold and Leota Stewart moved to Washington D.C. where Harold accepted a position with the park police.

Harold served in the Coast Guard during WWII and was discharged in 1946. In 1954, he was promoted to chief of the United States Park Police Force where he escorted newly inaugurated presidents and international leaders through the streets of Washington D.C. After 28 years as a park policeman, Harold retired from the force and moved to Turners in Greene County, Missouri, with his wife Leota. Leota died January 28, 1985, and Harold died June 4, 1988. Their son, Eric Palmer Stewart, died in 2021.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following five series:

Berry Family
Stewart Family
Local History
Scrapbooks
Oversize

Scope and Content Note:

Berry Family

This series contains materials related to the Berry family of Boone and Greene County, Missouri. Items in this series include marriage certificates, graduation and funeral announcements, photographs, and genealogy manuscripts and notes made by Leota Stewart. This series is arranged by subject and then chronologically.

Stewart Family

This series consists of materials pertaining to the Stewart family of Maryland, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Greene County, Missouri. The materials include graduation and funeral announcements, certificates, correspondence, and photographs. This series is arranged by subject and then chronologically.

Local History

This series contains materials related to Springfield, Missouri, including business cards, photographs, and a 1925 yearbook from Springfield High School. Of note, are the two photographs from the 1920s which showcase Nafziger Baking Company and the Springfield Creamery Company. This series is arranged by subject.

Scrapbooks

This series consists of two scrapbooks created by Leota Stewart. The first scrapbook contains images and documents related to both the Berry and Stewart families between 1915 and 1954. The second scrapbook contains images, documents, and artifacts related to Leota and her family and friends, as well as the surrounding area between 1925 and 1926. The scrapbooks have been kept in their original order.

Oversize

This series contains oversize marriage certificates and diplomas related to the Stewart family. The items in this series are arranged chronologically.

Container List:

f. 1-4	Berry Family
Box 001 f. 1	Announcements, 1950-1982
f. 2	Certificates, 1893-1914
f. 3	Genealogy, 1997-2000, no date
f. 4	Photographs, 1919-1975
f. 5-13	Stewart Family
f. 5	Announcements, 1895-1951
f. 6	Certificates, 1905, 1939-1943
f. 7	Correspondence, 1947-1982
f. 8-13	Photographs, 1870-1952, no date
f. 14-16	Local History
f. 14	Business Cards, no date
f. 15	Photographs, circa 1920
f. 16	Springfield High School Yearbook, 1925
f. 17-18	Scrapbooks
f. 17	1915-1954
f. 18	1925-1926
f. 19	Oversize
Box 002 f. 19	Certificates, 1895-1923

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Berry family	1-4, 15-18	Yes
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Berry, Myra Beth, 1933-	1, 3-4, 7	Yes
Berry, William Palmer, 1872-1958	2-4, 17	Yes

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Boatman's National Bank (Springfield, Mo.)	14	
Branson (Mo.)	18	Yes
Camp Witbeck (Mo.)	18	Yes
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Davis, Eliza A. Campbell, 1810-1901	3, 8	Yes
Davis, James, 1813-1893	3, 8	Yes
Doling Park (Springfield, Mo.)	18	Yes
Estep, Lucy Maude Berry, 1918-2003	3-4,	Yes
Estep, Preston, 1914-1970	3, 7, 17	Yes
Finkenbinder Effie May Berry, 1906-1982	4, 15	Yes
Greene County (Mo.)	7, 14-18	Yes
Jack's Fork River	18	Yes
Milwaukee (Wis.)	10, 19	Yes
Modern Woodmen of America	9	Yes
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Nafziger Baking Company (Springfield, Mo.)	15	Yes
Omaha Commercial College (Omaha, Neb.)	5, 19	
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Pocatello (Idaho)	8, 12	Yes
Proctor, June Louyse Stewart, 1911-1943	3, 6, 11	Yes
Proctor, Thomas S., 1887-1950	3, 11	Yes
Seiling (Okla.)	9	Yes
Springfield (Mo.)	7, 14-18	Yes
Springfield Creamery Company (Springfield, Mo.)	15	Yes
Springfield High School (Springfield, Mo.)	7, 16, 18, 19	Yes
Stephens family	3	
Stewart family	3, 5-13, 15-17, 19	Yes
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Stewart, Celia Bessye Warnes, 1875-1933	3, 5, 8-11, 17, 19	Yes
Stewart, Clarence Charles, 1873-1942	3, 9-10	Yes
Stewart, Eliza A. Davis, 1851-1934	3, 12	Yes
Stewart, Eric Palmer, 1947-2021	3, 17	Yes
Stewart, Ernest Milton, 1878-1965	3, 12	Yes
Stewart, Harold Francis, 1905-1988	3, 5, 7, 10-11, 15, 17, 19	Yes
Stewart, Leota Isabel Berry, 1909-1985	3-4, 7, 11, 15-18	Yes
Stewart, Ralph Willis, 1908-	3, 5, 11-12	Yes
Stewart, Walter Charles, 1902-1959	3, 10-11, 15, 17	Yes
Stewart, Willis Warder, 1876-1951	3, 5-6, 8-11, 17, 19	Yes
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United States Park Police	11, 17	Yes

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Willow Springs (Mo.)	18	Yes
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